

(c) the names of the Industries which are adversely affecting the ozone layer;

(d) whether the Government propose to phase out the chlorofluorocarbons chemicals (CFCs) which are destroying the ozone layer; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Scientific studies conducted over many years in various institutions in India and other countries have shown that depletion of stratospheric ozone has adverse impacts on human and animal health, plants, grasses and aquatic life.

(c) Ozone depletion is caused by Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons which are used chiefly in the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry as propellants, for aerosol sprays, for plastic foam blowing, modern fire fighting, as solvents by the electronics and metal cleaning industries, etc.

(d) and (e). With a view to formulating the basic approach which should be adopted in preparing the national strategy for the phasing out of ozone depleting substances such as CFCs, halons, and other chemicals and for adopting of substitute substances/technologies, a Task force has been set up by the Ministry of Industry.

[English]

#### **Improvement of Bhadrakh Station**

3285. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the improvements proposed for the development of Bhadrakh Railway Station in Khurda Road Division of South Eastern Railway during the year 1992-93;

(b) the details of the improvements suggested by the local public especially people's representative; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) As a measure of improvement, work of provision of a new foot over bridge in lieu of the existing one is proposed to be completed during 1992-93 at a cost of Rs. 21.19 lakh.

(b) The improvements suggested are increase in reservation quota, raising of platform, improvement in the functioning of public address system and provision of basic passenger amenities at Bhadrakh Station.

(c) *Reservation Quota*: The existing reservation quota adequately meets the present demand of traffic and there is no proposal to increase the same at present.

*Raising of platform*:— Work of raising of platform will be proposed for inclusion in Railway's future Works Programme subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of various stations.

*Public Address system*:— Station staff have been instructed to make announcements on the public address system.

*Basic Passenger Amenities*:—Basic passenger amenities as per norms based on the volume of traffic handled have already been provided at Bhadrakh.